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TOWN OFFICERS, 1891-92.

Town Clerk.

FRANCISCO BOWEN.

Treasurer.

WALTER E. JONES.

Selectmen.

EDW. N. JENCKES, EDW. MOORE,
JESSE B. SWEET.

Assessors.

EDWIN MOORE, S. W. POTTER,
VERNON T. ESTEN.

Overseers of the Poor.

ORRIN CHASE, EDWARD B. KNAPP,
AARON F. JONES.

School Committee.

GEO. P. B. CLARKE, FRANCISCO BOWEN,
REV. JAMES WELLS, A. J. THAYER,
LEVI WHITE, M. D. B. W. ALDRICH,
VERNON T. ESTEN, S. RUSSELL,
H. O. LAMSON.

Town Agent.

ADOLPHUS F. BROWN.

Constables.

JOHN CORKERY,
E. P. HEATH,
ALVIN H. BROWN,
JAMES DERMODY,
STILLMAN RUSSELL,
E. G. BABSON.

Agent Moses Wallis Devise.

AARON F. JONES.

Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis.

WM. L. CHURCH,
SUEL LOGEE,
EDWIN PARKER.

Auditor.

M. M. LUTHER.

Trustees of Public Library.

GEO. P. B. CLARKE,
REV. W. T. BRIGGS,
HENRY O. LAMPSON,
C. J. BATCHELLER,
H. L. STILES,
W. R. WALLIS.

Bridge Viewers.

SUEL LOGEE,
BRIGHAM MORSE,
HENRY D. WALLIS.

Fence Viewers.

H. N. LOGEE,
WALTER E. PARKER,
J. A. RICHARDSON.

Tax Collector.

GEORGE P. B. CLARKE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

BRIGHAM MORSE,
J. W. WIXTEAD,
JOHN LACHAPPELL,
D. A. E. WALLIS,
E. N. JENCKES,
A. J. DUDLEY.

Measurer of Stone.

SUEL E. CHASE.

Weighers of Coal.

E. N. JENCKES,
WM. HUNT,
A. J. DUDLEY,
OTIS KING,
D. A. E. WALLIS.

Surveyors of Lumber.

GEO. M. WALLIS,
C. F. RAWSON,
W. R. WALLIS,
J. B. SWEET,
V. T. ESTEN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. E. JONES.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 21, 1892.

Aaron F. Jones,
Francisco Bowen,
William W. Brown,
Stillman Russell,
Lorin A. Buffum,
Herbert N. Logee,
William S. Jillson,
Marcus M. Luther,
Walter E. Parker,
Lester R. Hannant,
Jesse B. Sweet,
Alvin H. Brown,
Solomon F. Root,
Frank L. Correll,

William Abbott,
Henry O. Lamson,
George P. B. Clarke,
Elmer H. Balcome,
James W. Wixtead,
Cornelius Emmons,
William P. Wight,
Walter E. Carpenter,
Brigham Morse,
Edward B. Knapp,
Andrew J. Thayer,
Milton Humes,
George M. Wallis,
Francis F. Young,
Charles Mercier,

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
EDWIN MOORE, } of Douglas.

Douglas, March 7, 1892.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Town Agent, six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence Viewers, and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year; also, one Overseer of the Poor, three School Committee, and two Trustees of the Public Library for three years; also, one School Committee for one year, and one for two years, to fill vacancies.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4. To vote on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the ensuing year?

Art. 5. To hear the annual reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 6. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Poor, of Schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for payment of debts and interest, and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To raise by tax and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for Superintendent of schools.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for the year 1892, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest; and see if the town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9. To determine the time when Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

Art. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1893, and all fines to be deducted from said amount, and covered into the treasury of said Company.

Art. 12. To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund (so called) for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see of what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist, and what compensation they shall receive.

Art. 14. To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector, for collecting taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R. for charitable purposes under provision of chapter 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 16. To choose one or more Auditors in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 221, of Laws and Resolves of 1888.

Art. 17. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to buy a piece of land of J. A. Richardson for the purpose of enlarging the town cemetery, and to repair or rebuild the fence on the easterly side of said cemetery, or act, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to reset some of the oldest headstones now laying down in town cemetery.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated, which were assessed the previous year.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, the debts incurred thereby to be paid from said taxes,

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to sell or rent their Town Farm, or act, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 23 To see if the town will vote to protect the ponds in Douglas, from parties living out of town fishing in them.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Grammar school.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the annual March meeting of 1890, under Art. 14 of the warrant of said meeting, where the town voted to unite with other towns and employ a Superintendent of schools.

Art. 26 To see if the town will vote to lessen the number of weeks of our primary schools, and if so, how many for each term, or how many for the year.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take in relation to the suit now pending of Louisa M. Dore vs the Inhabitants of Douglas, or act. or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to pay to Mary Sheldon the whole or any part of the money paid the town, on account of taxes assessed on land her late husband, Ezekiel Sheldon, did not own, or act, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to pay the heirs of Betsey Brown any part of the money paid to the town, on account of taxes assessed on land not owned by them, or act, or do anything in relation to the same.

We have fixed the time at which the Polls may be closed at three o'clock, P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
EDWIN MOORE, } of Douglas.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 29, 1892.

Orders for the payment of money have been drawn on the Town Treasurer to the amount of $13,750.06 for the following purposes, viz:

Highways and Bridges.

For itemized account see Supervisors of Highways report.

Maintenance of highways and bridges, - -		$1,893 98
For making snow roads, - -		50 04
		$1,944 02

Schools.

For itemized account see School Committee's report.

Paid for maintenance of Schools, - -		$4,797 56
Repairs on school house, -		306 98
Albert J. Curtis, Superintendent,		450 00
Books and supplies.	$517 59	
Books bought last year,	335 53	
		853 12
		$6,407 66

Overseers of Poor.

For disbursments see Overseers' Report.

Paid Overseers of Poor, for support of Poor,	$2,650 00

Fire Engine Company.

Paid Fire Engine Company as per vote of the town,		$308 67
Wood and coal, - -		21 86
Expense on tower, - - -		61 77
		$392.30

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

Paid Samuel Sibley Post G. A. R. as per vote of the town, - - -		$150 00

State and Military Aid, Chap. 301 and 279.

Paid State and Military Aid, - -		$487 00

Lockup Expenses.

Lock up expenses including care of tramps,		$68 52

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Town Clerk.

Francisco Bowen, recording and indexing,		
44 births, - -	$22 00	
53 deaths, -	18 45	
27 marriages, - -	4 05	
		$44 60
Express on public documents and stationery for year ending March 1, 1892,	$8 29	
Attending meetings of Town Clerks,	4 50	
Services as Register of Voters,	10 00	
Drs. Clark and Sterling for returning 15 births,	3 75	$26 54

Treasurer.

W. E. Jones, - - -		$75 00

Selectmen.

E. N. Jenckes, - -	$33 33	
E. Moore, - -	33 34	
J. B. Sweet, -	33 33	
		$100 00

Overseers of Poor.

Orrin Chase, - -	$50 00	
E. B. Knapp, - -	50 00	
A. F. Jones, - -	50 00	
		$150 00

Collection of Taxes.

Geo. P. B. Clark, - - -	$110 00

Truant Officer.

Geo. P. B. Clark, - - -	10 00

Assessors.

(Assessing taxes and making copy of valuation for printing.)

V. T. Esten, - -	$58 25	
Edwin Moore, - -	60 00	
S. W. Potter, - -	61 50	
		$179 75

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. E. Jones, - - -	$10 00

Sexton.

Edward Balcome, - - -	$10 00

Rent of Citizens Hall.

A. J. Thayer, rent of Citizens' Hall one year to April 1, 1891, - - -	$100 00

Bounty.

For killing foxes and crows, - -	$26 30

Constables.

E. G. Babson, posting town warrants,	$3 00
S. Russell, notifying town officers to take their oath, - - -	1 00

E. P. Heath, copying and posting town warrants, etc. - -	7 00	
		$14 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid C. J. Batcheller, printing town reports,	$70 20	
Official ballots and dog notices,	9 75	
		$79 95
Geo. P. B. Clarke, as per vote,		10 25
Geo. Dumas, damages,	$15 00	
Jesse B. Sweet, expense,	2 00	
		17 00
George Abbott, stationery,		2 33
Assesssor's books and express,		4 00
Eliza Goddard, board S. Craggin,		104 00
Cleaning town hall,		2 00
Dexter Whipple, land damages, laying road,		5 00
Joseph Bowen, burial expense W. Tifft,		35 00
Insurance on engine building,		15 00
B. A. Stockwell, door and labor, engine building,		5 00
Morse Safe Co., for safe,		225 00
American Axe & Tool Co., for land,		300 00
C. J. Batcheller, printing check list and town warrants,	$19 00	
Valuation books,	50 00	
		69 00
Cleaning Selectmen's room, woodroom and hall,		2 00
E. N. Jenckes, expenses to Worcester on Dore case,		3 50
A. F. Jones, carting and setting safe,		7 00
W. E. Jones, stamps and stationery, 2 years,		8 34
Town officers salaries,	$729 89	
Lock up expenses,	68 52	
		798 41
		$1,692 78

Recapitulation.

Miscellaneous expenses, - -	$1,692 78
Highways and bridges, - - -	1,944 02
Maintenance of schools, for all purposes, -	6,407 66
Support of Poor, - - -	2,650 00
Fire Engine Company, - -	392 30

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., - -	150 00
State and Military Aid, - -	487 00
Bounty on foxes and crows, - -	26 30
	$13,750 06

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures under same for 1891-92.

Appropriation for schools, -	$4,400 00	
Expenditures, - -	4,797 56	
Overdrawn, - - -		$397 56
Appropriation for books and supplies,	500 00	
Expenditures, - - -	853 12	
Overdrawn, - - -		353 12
Appropriation for bounty on foxes and crows,	50 00	
Expenditures,	26 30	
Balance, - - -		23 70
Appropriation for highways and bridges,	2,500 00	
Expenditures,	1,944 02	
Balance, - - -		555 98
Appropriation for support of poor,	2,700 00	
Expenditures,	2,650 00	
Balance, - - -		50 00
Appropriation for debts and interest, - -		1,000 00
Appropriation for contingent expenses,	1,500 00	
Expenditures,	1,692 78	
Overdrawn, - - -		192 78
Appropriation for repairs on school houses,	$200 00	
Expenditures,	306 98	
Overdrawn, - - -		106 98

Appropriation for state aid to soldiers,	$200 00	
Expenditures,	487 00	
Overdrawn, - -	-	$287 00
Appropriation for Fire Engine Company,	320 00	
Expenditures,	392 30	
Overdrawn, - -	-	72 30
Appropriation for Grand Army,	150 00	
Expenditures,	150 00	
Appropriation for superintendent of schools,	300 00	
Expenditures,	450 00	
Overdrawn, - -	-	150 00

E. N. JENCKES, EDWIN MOORE, J. B. SWEET, } Selectmen of Douglas.

M. M. LUTHER, Auditor.

Report of the Treasurer.

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

1891.		Dr.
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	$2,240 09
" 9.	Rec'd Geo. Clark, Coll., interest on taxes,	8 33
" 13.	Barnet Sedersky, for license,	6 00
" 13.	John Chollar, for sash,	1 75
" 17.	State corporation tax,	18 55
Apr. 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	57 00
" 25.	Whitinsville bank, on note,	3,000 00
" 28.	Town of Charlton,	16 00
" 30.	Chas. Mercier, license, 1st. and 4th. class,	1,700 00
May 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	65 00
" 8.	J. M. Rawson, auctioneers license,	2 00
" 14.	Alfred Lebeau, license,	6 00
" 18.	A. F. Aldrich, state school fund,	408 50
" 18.	S. Russell, drug license,	1 00
" 28.	L. A. Buffum, rent road machine,	50
" 28.	M. O. Mowry, drug license,	1 00
June 8.	Town of Charlton,	20 75
" 8.	State Treas., support state paupers,	17 00
" 8.	State Treas., support state paupers,	172 87
July 6.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	15 00
Sept. 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	5 60
Oct. 24.	Walter Cook, auctioneers license,	2 00
" 31.	L. A. Buffum, sale of plank,	8 64
Nov. 21.	Town of Spencer,	7 00
" 28.	C. J. Batcheller, proceeds of entertainment for benefit of Library,	142 00

Dec. 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	$6 57
Dec. 11.	State Treas. corporation tax,	152 78
" 11.	State Treas., national bank tax,	106 84
" 11.	State Treas., military aid, Chap. 279,	60 00
" 11.	State Treas., state aid, Chap. 301,	381 00
" 29.	Edward A. Brown, Treas., dog fund,	291 31
1892.		
Jan. 25.	State Treas., income school fund,	184 56
Feb. 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice 2nd. Dist. Court,	15 01
" 27.	Chas. Burlingame, 2 years interest on note of A. Wilson to library,	12 00
" 29.	Geo. P. B. Clark, Collector, interest rec'd on taxes,	12 99
" 29.	Geo. P. B. Clarke, Collector,	14,786 39
		$23,932 03

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

1891.		Cr.
Mar. 24.	Paid B. W. Aldrich, on error of Feb. 19, entering note of Albert Butler $750, should have been $700,	$50 00
" 29.	M. M. Luther, interest on note to date,	12 00
May 1.	William Abbott, Guardian, interest on note, 1 year,	141 00
" 1.	Edwin Moore, interest on note, 1 yr.	78 00
" 2.	Retus Walling Heirs, interest on note, 1 year,	65 70
" 11.	State Treas.,one-fourth license money for 1890,	50
" 22.	State Treas.,one-fourth license money for 1891,	425 00
" 22.	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff, services,	78 35
June 5.	Sarah Richardson, interest on note, one year to May 30,	37 96
" 5.	Mary Walker, interest on note, one year to May 29,	21 19
" 9.	Edwin Moore, interest on note, one year to June 19,	30 00

June 9.	Paid Edwin Moore, interest on note, one year, to May 26,	$42 00
" 19.	Clara Lawton, interest on note, one year to June 21,	40 00
" 19.	E. Moore, Exec'r on Luther estate,	100 00
Aug. 4.	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff, May account,	14 48
" 4.	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff, June account,	17 30
" 4.	John Nugent, Deputy Sheriff, May account,	5 26
" 4.	John Nugent, Deputy Sheriff, July account,	27 81
" 4.	E. P. Heath, Constable, May account,	9 66
Sept. 25.	Albert Butler, interest on note, 1 yr.	42 00
Oct. 31.	Edwin Moore, Exec'r Luther Estate,	153 36
Nov. 9.	Whitinsville Bank, note and interest,	3,073 50
Dec. 1.	E. P. Heath, Constable, Nov. acc't.	18 57
" 11.	George A. Marden, State Treas., state tax,	765 00
1892.		
Feb. 1.	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff, Jan. account,	21 09
" 4.	Edwin Moore, Executor, note and interest,	1,066 45
" 29,	152 orders of selectmen,	13,750 06
" 29.	15 orders Treas. Public Library,	435 52
" 29.	Interest allowed on taxes,	104 92
" 29.	Town of Douglas, taxes,	7 85
" 29.	Abatement of taxes,	126 01
" 29.	Cash on hand,	3,171 49
		$23,932 03

It will be seen from the above report that all money borrowed during the current year has been paid ; also, note of Albert Butler, Executor, transferred to Edwin Moore, Executor, amounting principal and interest to $1,319.81, has been settled in full.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Treasurer,

MARCUS M. LUTHER, Auditor,

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Cash on hand,	$3,171 49
Lockup and school property,	5,000 00
Due from State for salary of Superintendent of Schools,	400 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at almshouse,	1,227 84
Engine building,	1,050 00
Engine building lot,	300 00
Fire engine and hose,	700 00
Safe in Selectmen's room,	200 00
New safe in old library room,	225 00
Road machines and scrapers,	320 00
Road tools on hand,	29 00
New school books on hand,	209 26
Due from State, Military aid, Chap. 279,	69 00
Due from State, Military aid, Chap. 301,	349 00
Due from State, burial expense,	17 50
Due from Geo. P. B. Clark, uncollected taxes,	24 08
	$16,292 17

Liabilities.

Note to Retus Walling Heirs	$1,095 00
Albert Butler,	700 00
Edwin Moore, three notes,	2,500 00
Henry D. Wallis,	400 00
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Wm. Abbott, Guardian,	2,350 00
Clara Lawton,	1,000 00
Mary Walker,	353 21
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
Albert Butler,	700 00
Interest due on above notes, to Mar. 1, '92,	587 83
	$10,518 72

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1892.

GEORGE ROBERTS, Superintendent.

DR.

Personal property as per inventory taken by the Board of Overseers of 1890, upon the 1st day March, 1891, sum total,		$1,426 59

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Personal property as per inventory taken by the present Board of Overseers upon the 2d day March, 1892, sum total,	$1,227 84	
Cash in hands of Superintendent,	58 66—	1,286 50

We have paid out on account of Poor Farm as follows:

Salary of George Roberts, Superintendent.	$337 50
George Gleason, horse cart,	25 00
Harness,	18 00
Team to farm,	50
W. R. Wallis,	218 30

Dr. L. White,	$3 50
Wm. Peak,	24 50
E. G. Babson,	18 42
Looking up Ellen Thayer,	4 75
E. N. Jenckes,	156 66
Dr. Sterling,	1 00
E. P. Heath,	81 32
W. E. Jones,	40 31
	$929 76

Whole number of week's board of paupers at Almshouse,	159
Cost of supporting paupers per week,	$6 72

State Paupers.

Joseph Gilbert,	$29 57

Miscellaneous.

Stamps and paper,	$1 30
Paid Orrin Chase, assistance paying paupers, '91,	3 78
	$5 08

Outside Poor.

Nellie M. Buxton,	$96 00
Rosana Conley,	103 54
George Casey and Mary Hughes,	212 76
Julius Gould,	162 50
Mrs. Edward Generauz,	96 00
Rufus Johnson and Daughter,	26 00
Mrs. M. Martin,	60 00
Mrs. James McCormick,	59 09
Mrs. Chas. Gravlin,	77 20
Nelson Perry,	2 00
Gardner Nickerson,	20 90
Bridget Lee,	6 50
Everline Sprague,	50 00
Joseph Labelle, Town of Spencer,	7 00
Thomas Vallier,	185 00
Sylvia E. Wakefield,	60 00
Mrs. Anthony Ledeaux,	77 08

Mrs. Joseph Taylor,		$38 17
Joseph Wright,		40
Jane Mackentire,		11 00
Clement Jarvis,		17 97
Aurella Greene,		37 00
Salem Town, Town of Charlton,		36 75
Lucinda Goward, Town of Sutton,		3 00
Mrs. Mary Young,		63 50
Mrs. Mary Gravell,		19 69
Mrs. Augustus Anderson,		97 74
Joseph Gilbert,		29 57
		$1,656 36
Cost of supporting the poor,		$2,620 77
Due from State,	29 57	
Cash in hands of Overseers:	29 23—	58 80
Sum total,		$2,561 97

E. B. KNAPP, } Overseers
ORRIN CHASE, } of Poor.

REPORT

—OF—

AARON F. JONES, AGENT,

ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS,

—TO THE—

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes, as follows:

Notes due the town March 1, 1891,	$15,816 50
Accrued interest,	787 20
Cash in hands of Agent,	$2,122 11
	$18,725 81

Received Interest and Principal, as follows:

Mar. 1.	Smith Sherman,	$18 00
" 20.	John M. Putnam,	7 50
" 20.	Margaret Brown,	18 00
" 20.	Margaret Brown, on principal,	100 00
April 2.	Millbury Bank, interest on deposit,	1 75
May 11.	Herbert L. Sherman,	26 55
June 20.	Amos A. Humes,	21 00
" 29.	Abby Thayer, note and interest,	310 50

July	7.	Michael Roberts,	$22 50
"	24.	Margaret Stearnes,	18 00
"	25.	Allen Buxton,	6 00
"	25.	Joanna Rawson,	12 00
"	27.	Mitchel Augar,	18 00
Aug.	6.	Thomas M. Remington,	12 00
"	10.	Sarah Paine,	12 00
"	13.	Joseph T. Arnold,	48 00
Sept.	3.	Phœbe E. Johnson,	19 98
"	3.	O. N. Thurber,	10 00
"	19.	Joseph Lebeau,	24 00
"	19.	Simon P. Rawson, paid by Zilpha Rawson,	30 00
Oct.	2.	Horace Batcheller,	12 00
"	4.	Dennis Quinn,	12 00
"	4.	Dennis Quinn, on principal,	100 00
"	17.	Potter M. Bates,	9 00
"	29.	Lewis Terrier,	24 00
Nov.	2.	Chandler Titus, principal and interest on two notes,	507 72
"	13.	Lovel Southwick, principal and interest,	184 24
Dec.	10.	Vesta H. Balcome,	7 50
"	11.	Thomas Wixtead, paid by James Wixtead,	48 00
"	18.	John Lebeau,	12 00
"	21.	Frank Duvall,	21 00
"	21.	Amos G. Yates,	9 00
"	21.	Aaron Aldrich,	16 00
1892.			
Jan.	1.	Alvin H. Brown,	60 00
"	16.	O. N. Thurber,	8 00
"	22.	Joel Glover,	12 00
"	23.	Joseph StAndrews,	24 00
"	23.	Thomas M. Remington, principal and int.	205 58
"	28.	George C. Allen,	21 00
"	30.	Salome Casey,	30 00
"	30.	Chas. H. Hilton,	12 00
Feb.	9.	Aaron Aldrich,	4 00
"	10.	Julius Rivers,	24 00
"	19.	James McCormick, paid by John Gough,	21 00
"	20.	Mary J. Willis,	30 00
"	20.	Louisa Jarvis,	6 00
"	22.	John Vallier,	18 00
"	26.	Alfred and Mary Reynolds,	19 50
"	27.	John M. Putnam,	7 50
"	29.	Sarah H. Paine,	12 00

Feb. 29.	William F. Young,	$25 00
" 29.	Interest on cash deposited,	30 00
		$2,267 82

The Agent has loaned and paid out, as follows:

1891.		
Mar. 30.	Charles W. Potter, former agent, for one months services,	$5 00
April 2.	Expense to Millbury and Worcester,	2 00
" 2.	Loaned Daniel S. Buxton,	200 00
" 2.	Recording mortgage,	1 00
" 6.	Stamps and envelopes,	1 00
" 25.	Loaned Susan V. Thayer,	500 00
" 25.	Recording mortgage,	1 00
July 6.	George P. B. Clarke, tax,	266 36
Aug. 26.	Chas. J. Batcheller, printing,	1 75
Oct. 30.	Loaned John Peterson,	400 00
" 30.	Recording mortgage,	1 00
Nov. 5.	Discharging two mortgages,	50
" 21.	Transferring one mortgage,	25
Dec. 5.	Loaned Willie Manahan,	500 00
" 5.	Recording mortgage,	1 00
1892.		
Jan. 23.	Discharging mortgage,	25
Feb. 29.	Suel Logee, Appraiser,	8 00
" 29.	William L. Church, Appraiser,	3 50
" 29.	Edwin Parker, Appraiser,	1 00
" 29.	Agent for services,	60 00
		$1,953 61

Notes due the Town March 1, 1892.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Joseph T. Arnold,		$14 00	$400 00
Horace Batcheller,		2 60	200 00
Rebecca Morse,		30 17	500 00
John Vallier,		45	300 00
Joseph StAndrew,		4 40	400 00
Alvin H. Brown,		20 00	500 00

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
A. F. Brown,		38 08	500 00
Thomas Wixtead,	James Wixtead,	2 87	200 00
Orrin N. Thurber,	Eliza Williams,	15 30	300 00
Ira T. Robbins,	Frank McComick,	10 50	150 00
James McCormick,	John Gough,	17 50	350 00
John M. Putnam,	Chas. E. Burlingame,		125 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
S. P. Rawson,	Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
Phœbe M. Young,	William F. Young,	40 67	500 00
Amos A. Humes,	Geer,	19 78	350 00
Margaret Stearnes,	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	16 50	300 00
Rufus P. Johnson,		118 27	400 00
Mary J. Willis,		18 17	500 00
Louisa Jarvis,		3 62	100 00
Michæl Roberts,		14 57	375 00
Dennis Quinn,	Major Benson,	5 00	200 00
Mitchel Auger,		15 40	300 00
Mary J. Murphy,		50 33	500 00
Phœbe E. Johnson,		22 25	333 00
Allen Buxton,		5 60	100 00
John Lebeau,		10 00	200 00
Russell M. Peters,		22 96	250 00
Mrs. Joanna Rawson,		9 30	200 00
Julius Rivers,		20 00	400 00
Amos G. Yates,		6 64	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	3 65	125 00
Potter M. Bates,		3 34	150 00
S. H. Starr,		11 92	100 00
Alfred and Mary Reynolds,		81	325 00
Chas. H. Hilton,	Walter Hilton,	40	200 00
Aaron Aldrich,		41 67	500 00
Margaret F. Brown,		17 00	300 00
Joseph Lebeau,		11 00	400 00
Frank Duval,		10 79	350 00
Edwin C. Esten,		27 48	350 00
Lewis Terrier,		4 93	400 00
Sarah H. Paine,		50	200 00
Smith Sherman,		18 00	300 00
Herbert L. Sherman,		16 92	350 00
George C. Allen,		12 25	350 00
Salina Casey,		3 00	500 00
Willie Manahan,		7 08	500 00
Susan V. Thayer,		25 42	500 00

Maker of Note.	Accrued Int.	Prin.
John Peterson,	8 00	400 00
Daniel S. Buxton,	10 93	200 00
	$823 78	$16,283 00

Notes due the town March 1, 1892,	$16,283 00
Accrued interest,	823 78
Cash in hands of Agent,	2,436 32
Value of Devise, March 1, 1892,	$19,543 10
Net gain for the year,	717 29

Respectfully submitted,

AARON F. JONES, Agent.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT

ON THE

Expenditures on Roads and Bridges

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

The following prices have been paid for labor:

Superintendent,	20 cts per hour.
Superintendent's horse,	5
Man,	15
Boys,	7½ to 10
1 horse and cart,	12½
2 horses and cart,	20
1 pair oxen and cart,	18
4 horses on road machine,	60
Driver on road machine,	20

James Peters, 61h.	89 15
James Peters, driving on road machine, 47h.	9 40
James Peters, 2 horses on cart, 13h.	2 60
James Peters, 2 horses on road machine, 17h.	5 10
James Peters, 3 horses on road machine, 30h.	813 50
Urban I. Peters, 112h.	16 75
Lewis Stockwell, 153h.	22 95
Peter Roberts, 8h.	1 20
J. A. Richardson, 5h.	75
J. A. Richardson, 2 horses	

on cart 5h. 1 00
William Buxton, 9h. 1 35
Major Benson, 5h. 75
Fred Lindburg, 5h. 75
Myron Titus, 4h. 60
Loren Stockwell, 72h. 10 80
Loren Stockwell, 2 horses on road machine, 41h. 11 20
Loren Stockwell, 2 horses on cart, 76h. 15 20
Andrew Roberts, 145h. 21 75
Andrew Roberts, 2 horses on road machine, 22h. 5 50
Andrew Roberts, 2 horses on cart, 5h. 1 00
Napoleon Roberts, 75h. 11 25
Fred Casey, 65h. 9 75
Bell, 39h. 5 85
George Belavance, 22h. 3 30
James K. Peters, 24h. 3 60
Charles Dudley, 61½h. 9 23
Perry Bryant, 20h. 3 00
Nelson Roberts, 44h. 6 60
Joseph Bell, 20h. 3 00
A. J. Dudley, 10h. 1 50
A. J. Dudley, 2 horses on cart, 10h. 2 00
A. J. Dudley, 2 horses on road machine 25h. 7 50
Jesse Thompson, 105h. 15 75
Frank Mills, 50h. 7 50
Wheaton Brown, 135h. 20 25
George Brown, 63½h. 9 53
George Brown, 1 horse and cart 40h. 5 00
E. C. Parker, 170h. 25 50
E. C. Parker, 1 horse and cart, 25h. 3 12½
E. C. Parker, 2 horses and cart 102h. 20 40
E. C. Parker, 2 horses on road machine 45h. 13 50
E. C. Parker, 3 horses on road machine 5h. 2 25
Chas. Lawrence, 10h. 1 50
Joseph Arnold, 39h. 5 85
George Bent, 192h. 28 80
Joseph Mills, 10h. 1 50
George Roberts, 40h. 6 00
George Roberts, 1 horse and cart 40h. 5 00
Reynolds 10h. 1 50
Walter Buxton, 25h. 1 87½
Wm. Peake, 10h. 1 50
Jack Brown, 5h. 75
Chandler Titus, 25h. 3 75
Chandler Titus, 1 horse and cart 5h. 62
W. H. Parker, 48h. 7 20
W. H. Parker, 2 horses and cart 62h. 12 40
A. E. Chapman, 21h. 3 15
N. G. Dudley, 150⅔h. 22 59
N. G. Dudley, 1 horse and cart 20½h. 2 56
W. L. Church, 89h. 13 35
W. L. Church, 2 horses on cart 35h. 7 00
W. L. Church, 1 pair oxen, 5h. 90
Frank Wellman, 5h. 75
W. S. Jillson, 65h. 9 75
W. S. Jillson, 2 horses and cart 20h. 4 00
W. S. Jillson, 2 horses on road machine 25h. 7 50
Oscar Wade, 59h. 8 85
Edward Balcome, 37h. 5 55
Jason Wade, 15h. 2 25
G. C. Dudley, driving on road machine 80h. 16 00
G. C. Dudley, 4 horses on road machine 30h. 18 00
G. C. Dudley, 2 horses on road machine 20h. 6 00
G. C. Dudley, 1 horse on road machine 5h. 75
G. C. Dudley, 20h. 3 00
G. C. Dudley, 2 horses and cart 20h. 4 00
H. D. Wallis, 182h. 27 30
G. Balcome, 30h. 4 50
C. J. Peters, 48h. 7 20
George M. Wallis, 5h. 75
G. H. Dudley, 51h. 7 65
W. W. Brown, 115h. 17 25
P. A. Dudley, 29h. 4 35
Henry Brown, 157½h. 23 62
Henry Brown, 1 horse and cart 79h. 9 88
R. M. Brown, 2h. 15
H. Brown, 38h. 5 70
F. Peterplace, 10h. 1 50
Peter Jarvis, 10h. 1 50
Peter Jarvis, driving road

machine 20h.	4	00
Peter Jarvis, 2 horses on road machine 20h.	6	00
J. Bates, 10h.	1	50
Wm. Peters, 10h.	1	50
E. Parker, 10h.	1	50
O. F. Chase, 90h.	13	50
O. F. Chase, 1 pair oxen, and cart 30h.	5	40
O. F. Chase, 2 horses and cart 43h.	8	60
H. A. Walker, 98½h.	14	77
H. A. Walker, 1 pair oxen and cart 77⅔h.	13	98
Suel Chase, 40h.	6	00
W. Southwick, 72½h.	10	87
W. Southwick, 1 horse and cart 5h.		63
Myron B. Chase, 89h.	13	35
Orson Chase, 59h.	8	22
Robert Lunn, 80h.	12	00
Henry Chase, 49h.	7	35
C. F. Russell, 20h.	3	00
Edrastus Chase, 91h.	13	65
Pliny Richardson, 10h.	1	50
Elisha Thompson, 27h.	4	05
George Jefferson, 5h.		75
Ed. Jefferson, 5h.		75
Augustus Morse, 4h.		60
Chas. Fisher, 20h.	3	00
L. Taft, 27h.	4	05
L. Taft, 1 pair oxen, and cart 27h.	4	86
H. Mowry, 20h.	3	00
L. Taft, 1 horse and cart 23h.	2	87
S. Hindon, 20h.	3	00
J. B. Sweet, 142½h.	21	37½
J. B. Sweet, 1 horse and cart 104h.	12	99
J. B. Sweet, 2 horses and cart 289h.	57	80
J. B. Sweet, 4 horses on road machine 59h.	35	40
Geo. Morarty, 20½h.	3	08
James Quinn, 49h.	7	35
Eugene Blair, 66½h.	9	97
J. R. Hughes, 75h.	11	25
Geo. Seymore, 70h.	10	50
Geo. Seymore, 1 horse and cart 40h.	5	00
James Wixtead, 7h.	1	05
S. Mowry, 70h.	10	50
E. B. Paine, driving on road machine 59h.	11	80
E. Gouette, 50h.	7	50
H. A. Atwood, 5h.		75
Peter Scott, 60h.	9	00
John Goff, 5h.		75
Arthur Jones, driving on road machine 4h.		80
Arthur Jones, 4 horses on road machine 84h.	50	40
Orrin Ballou, driving road machine 80h.	16	00
Sam Landry, 30h.	4	50
Nelson Lizzott, 150h.	22	50
Napoleon Morse, 10h.	1	50
Lewis Dufo, 65h.	9	75
Ranfret, 17h.	2	55
Ranfret, 1 horse and cart 10h.	1	25
F. R. Caswell, 84h.	12	60
J. Lawrence, 50h.	7	50
E. B. Paine, 125½h.	18	82½
Frank Allen, 88h.	13	20
Dennis Murray, 80h.	12	00
A. F. Jones, 1 horse and cart 245h.	30	62
Otis King, 125h.	18	75
Phillip Muir, 80h.	12	00
Harry Lunn, 40h.	4	00
Wilson Emerson, 9h.	1	35
L. A. Buffum, 897h.	179	40
L. A. Buffum, 1 horse and buggy 231h.	11	55
Willard Whipple, 142h.	20	55
Willard Whipple, 1 horse and cart 57h.	7	11
J. W. Smith, 113h.	16	95
J. W. Smith, 1 pair oxen and cart 74h.	13	32
M. B. Hathaway, 280½h.	42	07
John P. Otis, 18h.	2	70
Fielder Converse, 67¾h.	10	17
Fielder Converse, 1 horse and cart 43¾h.	5	47
Caleb Hill, 150h.	22	50
Oliver Quivillion, 120h.	18	00
C. S. Caswell, 2 horses and cart 8h.	1	60
S. P. Rawson, 40h.	6	00
S. P. Rawson, 2 horses and cart 40h.	8	00
Labelle, 10h.	1	50

W. E. Hayward, 35h.	5 25
W. E. Hayward, 2 horses and cart 35h.	7 00
Hugh Johnson, 6h.	90
Wm. Clark, 15h.	2 25
John Brien, 17h.	2 55
Robert Hannant, 24h.	3 60
Wm. Pillion, 60h.	9 00
Lewis Departer, 6h.	90
Lewis Departer, 1 horse and cart 6h.	75
Wm. Jones, 7h.	1 05
T. Morse, 20h.	3 00
E. T. Thayer, 60h.	9 00
E. T. Thayer, 2 horses and cart 140h.	28 00
Henry Laflim, 10h.	75
L. M. Hannant, 40h.	6 00
Albert Bellare, 25h.	3 75
American Axe and Tool Co. 2 horses and cart 4h.	80
American Axe and Tool Co. 1 horse and cart 3h.	37
Will Sanborn, 4h.	60
Joe Hughes, 3h.	45
H. C. Johnson, 50h.	7 50
Michæl Martin, 3h.	45
Michæl McCormick, 40h.	4 00
E. G. Paine, 10h.	1 50
W. S. Reynolds, 8h.	1 20
John Chollar, 52 loads gravel	2 60
W. E. Hayward, 70 lbs. band iron,	60
James Peters, 300 ft. railing,	3 00
James Peters, powder and fuse,	85
N. G. Dudley, sharpening drills,	55
N. G. Dudley, powder, fuse, and caps,	1 30
W. L. Church, 48 posts, 7 cts. a piece,	3 36
W. L. Church, 975 ft. railing,	9 75
H. D. Wallis, posts and slabs,	25
H. D. Wallis, 25 loads gravel,	1 00
Reynolds, 18 loads gravel,	72
Sarah Smith 33 loads gravel	1 32
Chandler Titus, 20 loads gravel,	1 00
W. Southwick, 4 posts and 36 ft. railing,	34
Geo. A. Gleason, sharpening picks,	80
Geo. A. Gleason, repairing road machine,	3 15
Ballou and Steere, 1666 ft. of 3 in. plank,	33 32
Ballou & Steere, 317 ft. of sleepers,	6 34
J. B. Sweet, housing 2 road machines,	7 00
J. B. Sweet, 526 ft. 2 in. plank,	9 46
V. M. Aldrich, 39 lbs. spikes,	1 25
V. M. Aldrich, 14 lbs. nails,	66
W. E. Jones, 8 lbs. spikes,	28
W. E. Jones, bolts, wrench, and 2 lbs. nails,	65
Wm. Nichols, 50 ft. railing,	50
A. J. Thayer, 311 loads gravel,	15 55
L. A. Buffum, 313 loads of gravel,	15 65
Suel Logee, repairing road machine and 20 railing irons,	6 90
L. A. Buffum, 14 posts 7 cts. apiece,	98
A. F. Jones, 14 loads gravel	70
	$1,893 98

Cost of making Snow Roads.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1892.

James Peters, 12h.	1 80
James Peters, 2 horses 9h.	1 80
O. J. Peters, 12h.	1 80
U. I. Peters, 4h.	60
W. S. Jillson, 8h.	1 20
W. S. Jillson, 2 horses 8h.	1 60
H. D. Wallis, 16h.	2 40
H. A. Walker, 17h.	2 55
H. A. Walker, 1 pair oxen 17h,	2 90

W. Southwick, 10h.	1 50
Pliny Richardson, 8h.	1 20
J. W. Smith, 6h.	90
J. W. Smith, 4 oxen 6h.	2 16
W. H. Wellman, 3h.	45
Wm. Jones, 3h.	45
N. G. Dudley, 19⅔h.	2 95
Chas. Dudley, 2⅔h.	40
Perry Bryant, 1h.	15
N. G. Dudley, horse 3⅓h.	40
W. L. Church, 12h.	1 80
W. L. Church, 2 horses 10h.	2 00
Oscar Wade, 12h.	1 80
Jason Wade, 12h.	1 80
O. F. Chase, 7h.	1 05
O. F. Chase, oxen 3h.	52½
Sewell Chase, 10h.	1 50
Sewell Chase, oxen 4½h.	78½
Henry Chase, 8h.	1 20
Henry Chase, oxen 2h.	35
Alphonso Chase, 5h.	75
Edrastus Chase, 8h.	1 20
Elisha Thompson, 7h.	1 05
Gilbert Riche, 4h.	60
Gilbert Riche, 2 horses 4h.	80
Alexander Riche, 4h.	60
Peter Roberts, 4h.	60
James Murphy, 4h.	60
Peter Jarvis, 25½h.	3 82
	$50 04

Road tools on hand March 1, 1892.

2 road machines,	$300 00
3 bush scrapers,	20 00
2 side scrapers,	1 00
1 swivel plow,	6 00
1 long chain,	2 25
1 stone sledge,	2 50
1 hoe,	25
2 steel bars,	3 00
2 iron rakes,	50
5 stone pickers,	1 00
5 snow shovels,	3 00
18 spades,	3 00
13 picks,	6 00
1 post spade,	50
	$349 00

L. A. BUFFUM, Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of the Treasurer.

1891.		Dr.	
Mar.	1.	To cash in hands of town treasurer to the credit of library.,	$289 18
June	12.	Rec'd for fines and catalogues sold,	2 05
Sept.	5.	" " " "	3 12
Nov.	28.	" Thanksgiving night entertainment for benefit of library,	142 00
Dec.	15.	" for fines and catalogues sold,	2 93
		" Dog fund,	291 31
1892.			
Feb.	29.	" for fines and catalogues sold,	1 65
		" two years' interest on Orison Hewett mortgage,	12 00
			$744 24

1891.		Cr.	
Apr.	1.	By paid W. R. Wallis, lumber for shelves and counters,	$16 32
		" Joseph Bowen, putting in shelves and counters,	16 90
		" cleaning libraries,	2 50
		" moving library,	6 19
		" moving and blacking stove,	1 00

Apr.	1.	By paid	iron railing around stove,	$2 42
		"	curtains,	1 60
May	8.	"	A. F. Jones, five lots wood,	5 22
	19.	"	Estes & Lauriat, books,	41 24
		"	express on Public Docs.	60
	23.	"	J. C. Hammond, insurance,	10 00
June	12.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		"	numbering and cataloguing,	2 00
July	1.	"	three months' rent,	25 00
Sept.	5.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
Oct.	1.	"	three months' rent,	25 00
		"	two hanging lamps,	6 00
Dec.	15.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
1891.				
Jan.	1.	"	three months' rent,	25 00
Feb.	10.	"	Estes & Lauriat, books,	143 31
		"	Belch Bros., books,	40 00
		"	freight and express on books,	1 65
		"	Addendas to catalogue,	4 25
	28.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		"	numbering and cataloguing,	1 50
		"	two months' rent.	16 67
		"	three expresses on Pub. Doc.	90
				$445 27
		Cash with Town Treasurer,		298 97
				$744 24

On April 1, the library was moved into commodious rooms in Central block. The change was necessitated by the imperative demand for more room for the library, and for a location more central and easy of access. The two rooms were rented at $100 a year, with the free use of Central hall for an annual entertainment for the benefit of the library. The course of the trustees in this matter has met with the hearty approval of the numerous patrons of the library, and the large increase in the number of books taken out the past year, and the generous patronage given the entertainment on Thanksgiving evening, (clearing $142 for the library) speak in unmistakable terms of the wisdom of their doings.

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in library,		2,023
Number issued during the year,		6,930
Average number issued per week,		144+
Amount of fines for the year,	$8 51	
Balance of fines Mar. 1, 1891,	14 17	
		$22 68
Amount collected for fines,	8 65	
Rec'd from sale of catalogues,	1 10	
Paid to Treasurer,	$9 75	
Amount collected for fines,		8 65
Balance due Mar. 1, 1892,		$14 03

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births.

Whole number,		44
males,	24	
females,	20—	44
foreign parentage,	20	
mixed parentage,	8	
American parentage,	16—	44

Marriages.

Whole number,		27
Foreign birth,	13	
American birth,	14—	27
Resident in Douglas,	42	
Resident elsewhere,	12—	54
First marriage,	41	
Second marriage,	12	
Third marriage,	1—	54

Deaths.

Whole number,		52
males,	29	
females,	23—	52
foreign birth,	4	
American birth,	48—	52

Number under 1 year,	- -	14	
between 1 and 5,	-	2	
5 10,	- -	1	
10 20,	-	2	
20 30,	- -	2	
30 40,	-	2	
40 50,	- -	8	
50 60,	-	3	
60 70,	- -	5	
70 80,	-	5	
80 90,	- -	7	
Over 90,	-	1—	52

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,	-	-	-	170
Males,	160 @ $2.00	-	$320 00	
Females,	10 @ 5.00	-	- 50 00—	$370 00

FRANCISCO BOWEN, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1892.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1892.

School Committee.

Levi White,	Term expires March 1, 1892
Geo. P. B. Clark,	1892
Vernon T. Esten,	1892
Rev. James Wells, (deceased),	1893
A. J. Thayer,	1893
Francisco Bowen,	1893
Stillman Russell,	1894
B. W. Aldrich, (deceased),	1894
H. O. Lamson,	1894

The above Committee met March, 1891, and organized as follows:

President,—A. J. Thayer,

Clerk,—Geo. P. B. Claak,

Superintending Committee, { B. W. Aldrich, S. Russell, V. T. Esten.

Purchasing Agent,—S. Russell,

Truant Officer,—Geo. P. B. Clarke,

Teachers for 1891-2.

Chas. T. Eaton,
Emma J. Paine,
Patience Breck,
Emma Fisk,
Minnie F. Darling,
Ada E. Brown,
Sarah G. Allen,
Lillian G. Lincoln,
Dora S. Russell,
F. P. Rouell,
Edith F. Lymon,
Margaret E. Collins,
Etta H. Johnson,
K. Lena Wixtead,
Emily W. Chamberlin,
Edith M. Abbott,
Nellie E. Berket,
Eunice E. Hadley,
Maria Hawes,
Susie A. Arey.

Statistics.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1891, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	392
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	420
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	263
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	4
over 15 yrs.	28
between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	236
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	113¾
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	8¾
Number of female teachers,	19
male teachers,	1
Average wages paid female teachers per month,	$33 50
male teachers per month,	80 00

Appropriations.

Appropriation for public schools by the town, March 1, 1891.	$4,400 00	
Repairs of school houses,	200 00	
School books and supplies.	500 00	
Superintendent,	300 00	
State school fund,	184 56	
Town school fund, (interest),	56 48	
Received for school books,	5 25	
New books on hand,	209 26	
Balance unexpended last year,	203 32	
Received from State for Union District,	108 50	$6,467 37

Expense of Public Schools.

Teachers wages for the year,	$4,088 50	
Rent of High School Room,	100 00	
Permanent repairs,	331 69	
Truant officer,	10 00	
Care of rooms,	147 65	
Purchasing agent,	25 00	
School books and supplies,	448 23	
Fuel,	144 03	
Transporting pupils,	61 25	
Paid Superintendent,	500 00	
Taking school census,	5 00	
Balance unexpended March 1, 1892,	606 02	$6,467 37

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher, Chas. T. Eaton.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	13	13	13
Wages per week,	$21.25	$20	$20
Whole number of scholars,	20	29	29
Average attendance,	18	28	27

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers, { Patience Breck, Spring and Fall,
Sarah G Allen, Winter, 4 weeks,
Lillian G. Lincoln, Winter, 8 weeks.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$10	$10	$10
Whole number of scholars,	31	50	47
Average attendance,	27	44	32

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Teachers, { Dora S. Russell, Spring,
Lillian G. Lincoln, Fall and 4 weeks of Winter.
F. P. Rouell, 8 weeks of Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	25	24	21
Average attendance,	21	19	16

SCHOOL No. 2.

Teacher,—Ada E. Brown.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	14	10	11
Average attendance,	9	8	6

SCHOOL No. 3.

Teacher,—Emma J. Paine.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8
Whole number of scholars,	43	35	40
Average attendance,	34	32	34

SCHOOL No. 4.

Teacher, { Edith F. Lymon, Spring and Fall.
Nellie E. Berket, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	15	12	11
Average attendance,	11	11	10

SCHOOL No. 5.

Teachers, { Minnie Darling, Spring and Fall.
Evvie Peters, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	8
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	7	7	6
Average attendance,	5	5	5

SCHOOL No. 7.

Teacher,—Etta H. Johnson.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	18	18	14
Average attendance,	14	12	11

SCHOOL No. 8.

Teacher,—K. Lena Wixtead.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	13	11	10
Average attendance,	9	8	6

SCHOOL No. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Edith M. Abbott.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8
Whole number of scholars,	56	56	62
Average attendance,	40	47	39

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers, { Emma F. Fisk, Spring,
Eunice Hadley, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8½	9	9
Whole number of scholars,	32	32	39
Average attendance,	25	30	29

SCHOOL No. 10.

Teachers, { Emily W. Chamberlin, Spring,
Maria Hawes, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8
Whole number of scholars,	43	33	36
Average attendance,	24	18	20

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers, { MARGARET E. COLLINS, 2 weeks of Spring,
SUSIE A. AREY, Remainder of Year.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8½	$8½	$8½
Whole number of scholars,	24	21	17
Average attendance,	22	18	13

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Committee.

Gentlemen:—I respectfully submit the annual report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March, 1892.

Although there have been many changes of teachers during the year, yet the progress made by the schools, with but very few exceptions, has been more satisfactory than the previous year.

Changes of Teachers.

At the close of the fall term, Miss Breck tendered her resignation to accept a different position in another part of the state. Miss Breck was one of the most successful teachers, having been principal of the Grammar school six or seven years. She has done faithful and excellent service, and will long be remembered, honored and esteemed by her many pupils, the parents and committee. It is seldom a teacher closes her career with so much respect and regard. It was

her fortune to have lived in pleasant relations with her pupils and with the parents. I regretted very much that the school was to be deprived of her efficient and conscientious labors, the results of which were so plainly visible. The teacher elected to the vacancy remained until the Christmas holidays. Miss Lincoln was transferred to the school from No. 1, where she was very popular with her pupils and doing excellent work. Under her management the school is constantly improving and she is striving earnestly to bring it back into its good condition. There is no reason why it should not be as orderly, quiet and studious as before, and if it continues to make the same advancement as in the last few weeks, it will soon become so.

The vacancy in No. 1, was filled by Miss Rowell of Merrimac. I am very much pleased with her work in this school. Miss Nellie Burkett succeeded Mrs. Lymon in No. 4, and Miss Darling resigned her position at Wallum Pond to accept a more preferable one in Rhode Island. The winter term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Peters. In No. 9, Intermediate, Mrs. Hadley, an experienced and successful teacher, was elected at the commencement of the fall term. Miss Arey succeeded Miss Collins in No. 10, Intermediate, and Miss Hawes accepted the position in the Primary, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Chamberlin.

Schools and Teachers.

There are thirteen schools in the town, viz:—High, Grammar, two Intermediate, three Primary and six mixed or ungraded.

High.—The High school has been in session thirty-nine weeks and under the same instructor as last year, Mr. Chas. T. Eaton. The number registered during the year is thirty-seven. Two having completed the three years' course and not being able to remain another year received their diplomas, while two have dropped from the school, leaving the number on the register thirty-three.

Grammar.—The resignation of Miss Breck was a heavy loss to this school It was therefore, with no little anxiety that we saw it enter upon the winter term. If Miss Lincoln had been called to the school at the commencement of the term, I think but little interruption would have occurred. However, I am confident that under her management and instruction it will soon regain its former standing.

Intermediate.—The two intermediate schools have been taught by Mrs. Hadley and Miss Arey. The progress made has been satisfactory.

Primary.—The importance of our Primary schools over all others arises from two facts:—First, that more than one-half of all the scholars are in these schools; Second, that the impressions made at this period affect most essentially all their subsequent school life. The qualifications of Primary school teachers are, therefore, of the utmost importance. Of the teachers now employed, it may be fairly said, that their labors have met the approval of parents, committee and superintendent.

Ungraded.—The ungraded schools generally have been doing very well. Some have done more and better than others. Some of the teachers have more experience and work more diligently, and devote themselves more fully to their work.

Teachers.—There is a wide difference between teaching school and keeping school. Teaching is as much a trade or profession as any other employment, and has as many failures. As there are hundreds who can never become skilled mechanics, lawyers and doctors, so there are hundreds who will never be successful teachers. The assertion that every scholar that passes through the high school is competent to teach, is as silly as it is absurd. There are many other qualities besides the high school training that go to make up the successful teacher. I think most of the teachers in our town have rendered good service the past year. They have read more on the subject of teaching, have taken some educational publication, and have thus informed themselves more thoroughly on such work as would enable them to be more competent and successful.

School Houses and Ventilation.

I desire again, respectfully, to call your attention to the needs of better school accommodations, and I hope the town will take some favorable action towards the erection of a new school building. The number of pupils in the primary grades of Nos. 3 and 9, is often greater than the number of desks—the extra pupils occupying the settees along the sides of the room—all the available space for desks has been used. The rooms are too small for the number of pupils. No. 9 has seats

with desks for forty-two pupils, while the number registered is fifty-five.

Crowded together as they are, is not only a source of great inconvenience to teachers and scholars, but detrimental to the health of the children, and retards the progress of the school. The citizens must bear in mind that intellectual training is not all of an education. The health of the pupils is very important, and scholars in poorly arranged and poorly ventilated rooms, have not enough vitality to attain a high grade of scholarship. The headaches and listlessness of the pupils and the nervous exhaustion of the teachers are due to the poorly ventilated school rooms. If these rooms were visited by the state inspectors of public buildings, they would be condemned as not being properly ventilated. As the subject of ventilation has attracted considerable attention throughout the state the past year, and many cities and towns have been obliged to make large appropriations to meet the requirements of the law, perhaps it would be well to state several sections of the Act, which was approved Mar. 20, 1888.

Section 2. Every public building and every school house shall be ventilated in such a proper manner that the air shall not become so exhausted as to be injurious to the health of the persons present therein. The provisions of this section and the preceding section shall be enforced by the inspection department of the district police force.

Sec. 3. Whenever it shall appear to an inspector of factories and public buildings, that further or different sanitary provisions or means of ventilation are required in any public building or school house in order to conform to the requirements of this Act, and that the same can be provided without incurring unreasonable expense, such inspector may issue a written order to the proper person or authority, directing such sanitary provisions or means of ventilation to be provided, and they shall thereupon be provided in accordance with such order by the public authority, corporation or person having charge of, owning or leasing such public building or school house.

Sec. 4. Any school committee, public officer, corporation or person neglecting for four weeks after the receipt of an order from an inspector as provided in the preceding section to provide the sanitary provisions or means of ventilation required thereby shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

I think the inspectors claim that two hundred and fifty cubic feet of air space per pupil is considered a fair allowance and two hundred feet the minimum. The room in No. 9, would allow about one hundred and eleven cubic feet per pupil, and in No. 3, one hundred and fourteen cubic feet.

Attendance.

During the winter term, the unusual prevalence of colds and La Grippe has greatly lowered the attendance in all the schools and has necessarily interfered with the progress of the pupils. Some of the pupils have divided their time between the public school and the Parochial school, and are registered in both. How large this number is I am unable to say. From the number of children seen in certain parts of the village during school hours, it is evident there are some that attend school very irregularly. If asked why they are not at school, they say they attend the Parochial school, or give some other excuse. Every effort should be made to find why they are absent, and see that they attend the school to which they belong. There may be cases that will need severer measures, especially where the parent refuses to send his child to school. Such a case was reported to me by a teacher, and referred to one of the committee. If, on investigation, it was found correct, the law enacted by the Commonwealth for the attendance at school should be rigidly enforced. The truant school for this county was opened Feb. 2, for the reception of those pupils that are disposed to play truant. In a town like Douglas, very few children, if any, but will prefer to go to school constantly and regularly, when the only choice lies between the public school and the truant school. But children, like those of larger growth, always prefer to rely upon facts and the positive execution of the laws, to promises and threatenings. When they see the laws will be rigidly enforced, then they readily comply with them. It is only the prompt enforcement of the law that will bring the pupils into the schools and keep them there during the term.

Drawing.

Soon after the commencement of the fall term, drawing was introduced into all the schools above the primary grade, and

instruction has been given by the regular teachers. Although I am aware that this arrangement will not produce such satisfactory results as if we had a special teacher engaged for the purpose, still I am much pleased at the very good results obtained, and the systematic manner in which the study has been managed by most of the teachers. At a teachers' meeting in the spring term Mr. Henry T. Bailey, one of the state agents, and whose special work is to advance and improve the study of drawing, addressed the teachers upon the subject, giving them many valuable helps and suggestions. As the teachers acquire a better knowledge of the methods to be used, and the pupils more interest and skill, I think in a few years the schools will furnish specimens of free hand drawing, that will justly commend your action in placing this important and useful study in the schools.

Recommendations.

First among the recommendations I would again urge the importance of a new, four room, two story school building. Such a building can be erected at a cost of from eight thousand to ten thousand dollars, with all the late improvements in heating and ventilation. It is absolutely necessary that something be done to relieve the over crowded condition of the Primary schools and provide better accommodations for the Grammar and No. 9, Intermediate. A bright, airy school room is an educator in itself. The surroundings of children at school have much to do with making them good men and women, and that is one of the great objects of our public school system, to make good citizens.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation in the work of the schools, and the committee for the confidence placed in me.

A. J. CURTIS, Superintendent.

REMARKS.

It seems fitting that some allusion should be made to the removal by death of two very worthy and efficient members of the school board, Baylis W. Aldrich and Rev. James Wells, whose advice and council could safely be followed, and whose assistance in all the duties of the committee could be relied upon. As it has pleased Almighty God to remove them from our midst, we feel that our loss must be their gain.

The committee have attended to their part of the school work, by keeping the houses in good repair. We have been obliged to make quite extensive repairs in No. 10, as the stoves in both rooms smoked to such an extent that some days it was impossible to keep school. Both old chimneys were taken down and a new one built in the center of the building, by so doing we were enabled to dispense with the long stove pipes. We also laid a new poor in the east room, and built a fence on the south side of the school lot. These repairs place No. 10 in good condition.

An addition of $30 in seats for the Grammar school was made to accommodate all the pupils attending.

We recommend the following appropriations :

For the support of schools,	$4,200 00
For repairs of school houses,	200 00
For books and supplies,	500 00
For superintendent,	300 00

STILLMAN RUSSELL, School Committee.